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Party and State Delegation of PRC Visits DPRK

A Party and State Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo headed by Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the PRC, paid an official visit to our country from May 25 to 29 at the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Arrival in Pyongyang

The delegation arrived in Pyongyang on May 25 by special plane.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, together with his wife, came out to the airport and cordially met Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and the members of the delegation.

That day the Pyongyang Airport was immersed in an atmosphere of warm welcome.

Seen in the midst of thousands of welcomers assembled at the airport were the respectful portraits of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the CWP, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the PRC. The portraits were flanked on either side by panels bearing the words: "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live His Excellency President Joachim Yhomby-Opango!"

Afloat high in the sky over the airport were big balloons ribboned with national flags of the two countries and streamers with the words "Welcome" and "Friendship".

Set up before the columns of well-wishers were the panels carrying the messages "Warm welcome to the goodwill mission of the Congolese people!" "Long live the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of Korea and the Congo!" "Full support to and firm solidarity with the Congolese people in their just struggle to create a new life under the leadership of His Excellency President Joachim Yhomby-Opango!" and "Let us unite with the peoples of the world who advocate independence!"

At 11:30 a.m. the special plane carrying the mission of the Congolese people touched down at the airport.

The crowds, sending up cheers of "manse" (hurrah) and waving the pennants of the two countries and bundles of bouquets, fervently welcomed the guests.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango who alighted from the plane.

Juvenile Corps members courteously presented bunches of fragrant flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango.

Also arriving here were the members of the PRC Party and State Delegation—Raymond Ngollo, Member of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party, Chief of General Staff of the National People's Army and First Vice-Minister of Defence; Pascal Bima, Member of the Military Committee of the CWP and Minister of Construction, Urbanism and Housing in Charge of Environment; Jacob Okandza, Member of the Central Committee of the CWP and Minister of Commerce; Theophile Obenga, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; Marius Mouambenga, Minister of Rural Economy; Otse-Mawandza, Minister, Director of the Office of the President of the Republic; Samba Oscar, PRC Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the DPRK; and the suite.

The guests were met at the airport by Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrades Kye Ung Tae, Kim Yong Nam, Ho Dam, Chong Jun Gi, Chairmen of the Commissions and Ministers of the Administration Council, leading personnel of the working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army, leading workers from scientific, educational, cultural, art, public health and press circles and Li In Gyu, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the PRC.

Also present at the airport to greet the guests were foreign diplomatic envoys to Korea and their wives.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shakes hands with Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango

A grand ceremony was held at the airport to welcome the delegation.

The national anthem of the PRC and the Patriotic Song of our country were played.

While a 21-gun salute was booming, Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, in company with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, reviewed a guard of honour made up of the ground, naval and air forces of the Korean People's Army.

After the welcoming ceremony, Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, accompanied by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, passed by the cheering crowds in acknowledgement of their enthusiastic welcome and then boarded a car and headed for the city.

Hundreds of thousands of working people in Pyongyang lining the streets gave the delegation a tremendous ovation.

When the motorcade arrived at the plaza in front of the February 8 House of Culture, tens of thousands of gaily-dressed welcomers were performing a variety of dances with graceful rhythmical movements.

The band struck up the welcome music, cheers of "manse" burst forth and balloons soared high into the sky.

Chairman Kang Hui Won of the Pyongyang City Administrative Committee presented ornamental silver swords to Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife in the name of Pyongyang citizens.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango expressed deep thanks for the precious swords.

Courtesy Call

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, in the company of his wife, paid a courtesy visit to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife on the 25th.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conversed with Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango in a warm and friendly atmosphere and posed for a photograph with the President and his party.

Banquet, Luncheon

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung arranged a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on the evening of the 25th in honour of the Party and State Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo.

Invited to the banquet were Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and members of the delegation.

Present there were cadres of our country and the DPRK Ambassador to the PRC.

Also invited were foreign diplomatic envoys and their wives here.

The banquet was addressed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango also spoke.

In honour of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife, Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife gave a grand banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on the evening of the 28th.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife were invited there.

Also invited were our leading cadres and the DPRK Ambassador to the PRC.

Among those invited were diplomatic representatives of various countries to Korea and their wives.

Present there were Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and the members of the delegation.

At the banquet a speech was delivered by Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango.

The next speaker was the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The banquets proceeded in a cordial atmosphere overflowing with amity.

Performances were given at the banquets by artistes of the Mansudae Art Troupe.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife hosted a luncheon on the 27th for Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife.

The luncheon passed in a warm atmosphere.

Gift Presentation

On the 25th Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango presented gifts of best wishes to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall and gave an account of the gifts.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung saw the gifts on display and expressed thanks.

On the 27th the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung presented gifts to Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and personally gave an explanation to them.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, together with the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, saw the gifts on show and expressed deep gratitude.

Talks

A talk was held in Pyongyang on the 26th between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the CWP, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the PRC.

Present at the talk on our side were leading cadres, personages concerned and the DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the PRC.

Present on the other side were the members of the delegation.

At the talk views were exchanged on the matter of further developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two Parties and two countries and on a series of problems of mutual concern. There was an identity of views on the issues discussed.

Another talk was held in Pyongyang on the 27th between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango.

The talks took place in a comradely, sincere and friendly atmosphere.

Order Conferment

A ceremony for awarding an order of the DPRK to Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango was held at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall on the 28th.

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Hundreds of thousands of working people in Pyongyang lining the streets give a tremendous ovation to the Party and State Delegation of the PRC

The Friendship between the Peoples of Korea and The Congo Is an Internationalist Friendship Formed And Consolidated through the Common Struggle Against Imperialism and for Independence

Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

At Welcome Banquet

Esteemed Comrade President Joachim Yhomby-Opango and Madam,
Dear guests from the Congo,
Comrades and friends,

Today we have received with a great joy the friendly envoys of the Congolese people who have come from the African continent fighting vigorously for independence, sovereignty and the creation of a new life.

I warmly welcome Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of the Congo, and all the members of the Congolese Party and State Delegation who have come to our country carrying the deep feelings of fraternal friendship toward the Korean people.

Your current visit to our country offers another splendid occasion to further expand and develop the friendship and cooperation between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Congolese Workers' Party, between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of the Congo, between the Korean people and the Congolese people.

Today when the forces of imperialism and old and new colonialism are obstinately manoeuvring to dominate and control the countries of the new-emerging forces and the non-aligned countries by alienating and splitting them, it is of weighty importance for the Asian and African countries advancing along the road of anti-imperialism and independence to closely cooperate and firmly unite with each other.

The People's Republic of the Congo which has entered on the road of creating a new life under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence advances towards socialism, adheres to the non-aligned policy, supports other peoples in their anti-imperialist national liberation struggle and makes positive efforts to strengthen the cohesion of the new-emerging countries.

We highly estimate such a righteous stand of the Congolese Party and government.

The course traversed by the Congolese people in the building of a new society after the country's independence, has not been a royal road, but it has lain through a sharp struggle against the imperialist and old and new colonialist forces.

In their effort to smother the Congolese revolution, the imperialists unhesitatingly committed the despicable barbarity of assassinating President Marien N'Gouabi, the founder of the Congolese Workers' Party and the pioneer of the Congolese revolution.

The Congolese people, however, did not stand back from the road they had chosen, and now, rallied close around the Congolese Workers' Party headed by Comrade President Joachim Yhomby-Opango, continue to march bravely towards the victory in the revolution, surmounting the difficulties standing in their way.

While enhancing the leading role of the Congolese Workers' Party, you, Comrade President, are concentrating all your efforts on cementing national unity, redressing the national economy and developing national culture by organizing and mobilizing the entire people.

After the independence the Congolese people have achieved many successes in the struggle to wipe out the aftermaths of the colonial rule and bring about socio-economic changes. This clearly shows that the Congolese people who advance towards socialism will surely win their struggle.

The Korean people heartily rejoice over the successes of the fraternal Congolese people in the building of a new society and wish them ever greater victory in their future struggle.

The triumphant advance of the Congolese revolution greatly contributes to the cause of the complete liberation of the whole African continent.

In southern Africa today the people are waging a fierce struggle for independence and liberation.

The struggle of the southern African people is a sacred struggle to liquidate the barbaric racist regimes which trample underfoot even the elementary human rights and to break the chains of colonialism.

It is a law of historical development and a trend of our times which no force can check that the struggle of the people for freedom and liberation will emerge victorious whereas imperialism, colonialism and racism will be defeated.

The African peoples who have turned out in the righteous liberation struggle are sure to win.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express once more my firm solidarity with the Congolese people and all other African peoples in their struggle for the complete liberation and unity of Africa, and extend militant support and encouragement to the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa in their liberation struggle.

Comrades and friends,

The friendship between the peoples of Korea and the Congo is an internationalist friendship which has been formed and consolidated through the common struggle against imperialism and for independence. And because of these ties of friendship our two countries closely support and cooperate with each other in the building of a new society and in international affairs despite the great geographical distance separating them.

Proceeding from its revolutionary and principled stand, the Government of the People's Republic of the Congo recognizes only one Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, resolutely rejects the "two Koreas" plot of the imperialists and their stooges, and actively supports and encourages our people in their struggle for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

Allow me to take this occasion to express my deep thanks to you and the Congolese Workers' Party, government and people for their consistent active support to the righteous revolutionary struggle of our people.

This time, you Comrade President have come a long way to our country with the noble desire to develop the friendly relations between Korea and the Congo onto a new high plane.

Our people are greatly moved by your visit to our country, and the waves of warm welcome surging today at the airport and along the streets clearly showed the high respect and fraternal friendship our people are cherishing for you.

Our people will, in future, too, make every effort to cement the friendship and solidarity with the fraternal Congolese people and continue their stubborn struggle against all forms of aggression and intervention, and for the building of an independent and prosperous new world in firm unity with the peoples of the socialist countries, peoples of the non-aligned countries and all other peoples of the world advocating independence.

Esteemed Comrade President,

I am very happy this evening to be together with you like this and share deep friendly feelings as close friends, and I would like to propose a toast:

to the indestructible fraternal friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Congolese peoples,

to the prosperity and development of the People's Republic of the Congo,

to the solidarity of the peoples of the world calling for independence,

to the health of esteemed Comrade President Joachim Yhomby-Opango and Madam,

to the health of the guests from the Congo,

to the health of the diplomatic envoys from various countries and their wives, and

to the health of all comrades and friends present.

For So Brilliant Intelligence, Rare Determination, Great and Imperishable Achievements, Comrade KIM IL SUNG Enjoys Profound Respect among the Korean People and All the Revolutionaries of the World

Speech of Comrade JOACHIM YHOMBY-OPANGO

At Welcome Banquet

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung and Madame,
Respected leading comrades of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean government,
Distinguished guests,
Comrades and friends,

A people constantly awake, always prepared to beat back the enemy's attack, enthusiastic every day in their effort for social development and transformation, eternally determined to arrive at the peak of communism, this is the Korean people with a 5,000 year long history and this is the image of the Korean people, which every Congolese has.

Thousands of militants mobilized to give us a warmest welcome friendly and rich in colours well confirmed the image of the great people of Korea in our minds.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,

While extending thanks to the Korean government for the amiable invitation to pay a visit to your beautiful country, I ask you to convey to the militants of Pyongyang, the glorious capital of socialist Korea, the expression of our most sincere and profound thanks for the grand welcome accorded to us. These thanks I extend in the name of the delegation accompanying me, in the name of my wife and in my personal name. I extend them also in the name of our Party, the Congolese Workers' Party, our people and our government. I directly add that our delegation was deeply moved by the words of cordial and fraternal welcome you have given to us.

Great is the desire to speak about a lot of things, to speak about our bilateral relations which have been existing since 14 years ago, to speak about Korea, her new history and about Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the revolution, who founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Great is the desire to speak about the general situation prevailing today in Africa and the world. Our talks will study deep all these problems I have raised very rapidly expressing the position of our Party and our government.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung and Madame,

Respected comrades and distinguished guests,

Despite the distance separating our two countries and despite language barrier, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of the Congo have had already 14 years of a common life and 14 years of amicable and fruitful bilateral cooperation and 14 years of struggle in the international arena. We are proud of this list which is the oldest in the central part of Africa. We will perfect our friendship and our cooperation after many years of bilateral relations of all sorts.

Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi was a true Congolese artisan of Korean-Congolese relations on account of his visit full of successes in 1973 to your great and beautiful country, above all on account of the action of Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi in his own country. In fact, Comrade Marien N'Gouabi directed the movement of July 31, 1968, which confirmed the adoption by the Congolese people of scientific socialism as the contriver of our action. Later, on December 31, 1969, the Congolese Workers' Party was founded by Comrade Marien N'Gouabi.

Our friendship, our fraternity, our cooperation, in a word, our militant relations are based on the common principles, which dictate to us the same conception of the reality, define for us the same historical objectives and give us the same method of analysing historical facts.

In fact, the Workers' Party of Korea founded on October 10, 1945, by great Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Congolese Workers' Party founded by our leader Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi on December 31, 1969, are two Parties that struggle effectively for the victory of socialism and communism through the revolutionary battle of the people's power in the respective countries, Korea and the Congo.

The Korean people and their great leader President Kim Il Sung, please find here the sincere expression of gratitude of the entire Congolese people, their Party and their government for the friendly and militant support to the Congolese people at the time of the brutal and tragic disappearance of Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi on March 18, 1977. The ideas of Comrade Marien N'Gouabi, a great friend of the Korean people, always guide our action and the Military Committee of the Party, the faithful successor to the immortal cause of Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi, redoubles every day the ardour for constantly animating the popular masses, the workers and peasants, in the revolutionary struggle.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung and Madame,

Respected comrades and distinguished guests,

Comrades and friends,

More than 30 years ago, the heroic Korean people defeated the imperialist aggressors through their unheard-of fierce and long struggle, and founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, ushering in a new era of their history. Since the proclamation of the Republic the Korean people have surmounted multiple difficulties and traversed a glorious path of struggle under the illustrious guidance of most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, their great leader. During the great Fatherland Liberation War the valiant Korean people won a victory again by defeating the aggressors who tried to deprive them of liberty and independence. Here, again, the revolutionary Juche idea brightly illumined the road to be followed by the Korean revolution.

Since then, the Korean people, industrious, courageous and revolutionary, have embarked upon socialist construction with the impetuosity of Chollima, turning their country into a powerful socialist state ever prospering and powerful.

Today the Korean people are waging a new battle for the fulfilment of the Second Seven-Year Plan, a grandiose programme of economic construction, which gives definite precedence to the growth of the mining industry, transport, machine-building industry and the growth of agricultural production. We are convinced that the leading cadres of the Party organs and state and economic bodies will effectively canalize the heightened revolutionary ardour of the Korean people to attain the objectives of the Second Seven-Year Plan. Already last year the valiant and militant working people on the transport front attained victory in the "200-day battle in the transport revolution," bringing about a decisive turn in this sector. Already last year, the sector of the rural economy produced 8.5 million tons of grain, demonstrating the great vitality of Korean agriculture.

The Congolese people are evidently rejoiced over all these shining successes of the fraternal and friendly Korean people and wish them new, still greater brilliant successes in the course of socialist construction.

At the same time, the Congolese people extend encouragement to the Korean people in all their efforts for the peaceful reunification of Korea. Accordingly, our people condemn the fascist repression by the imperialists and their local lackeys who go against history in opposing the peaceful reunification of the great country of Korea. From olden times the Korean nation has always been a homogeneous nation with its language, its culture and its immense and rich inheritance which testifies the creative energy of the Korean people through history.

In the international affairs the Korean people, thanks to the illustrious action of their most respected leader, have strengthened their militant unity with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples, with the peoples of the socialist countries, with the progressive peoples of Europe and with all other peoples of the world who love peace, liberty, equality, justice and progress.

We warmly congratulate the Korean people on their policy of strengthening the ties of solidarity with the international revolutionary forces. We are rejoiced particularly at the active support which the Korean people express to the struggle of the African people against imperialism, colonialism and racism and for liberty, liberation and the consolidation of national independence. We highly appreciate the contribution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the non-aligned movement. This movement is today a powerful anti-imperialist revolutionary force. It is blissful that the next summit of this movement will be held in Cuba, the island of liberty in the centre of Americas.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Congolese people, the combatants of our Party, the Congolese Workers' Party, express deep and sincere admiration at your person and at your great revolutionary work. You were born in a patriotic and revolutionary family. In October 1926, you founded the Down-with-Imperialism Union, the first revolutionary organization of the youth of your country based on Marxism-Leninism. In the summer of 1930, you set before the young communists of your country revolutionary lines and orientations of Juche for the Korean revolution.

Two years after that, you organized the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, a proletarian internationalist revolutionary army, which fought not only for the national liberation of the Korean people but also for the progress of the world revolution. For 15 years, fast is, till 1945, you led the armed struggle of liberation, accomplished the grandiose cause of the restoration of the fatherland and laid also the solid and definitive revolutionary roots for the struggle of the Korean people. On September 9, 1948, you founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the sovereign and independent state which would guide the Korean people to make a rapid and victorious advance towards socialism and communism. After winning victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, the Korean people, under your clairvoyant leadership, rapidly rehabilitated the destroyed economy and constructed new factories, at the cost of a thousand sacrifices. The 1957-1961 Five-Year Plan enabled the Korean people to build the foundation of socialism. Today your people have risen up with courage for the fulfilment of the Second Seven-Year Plan which would bring to a still higher stage the material and cultural development of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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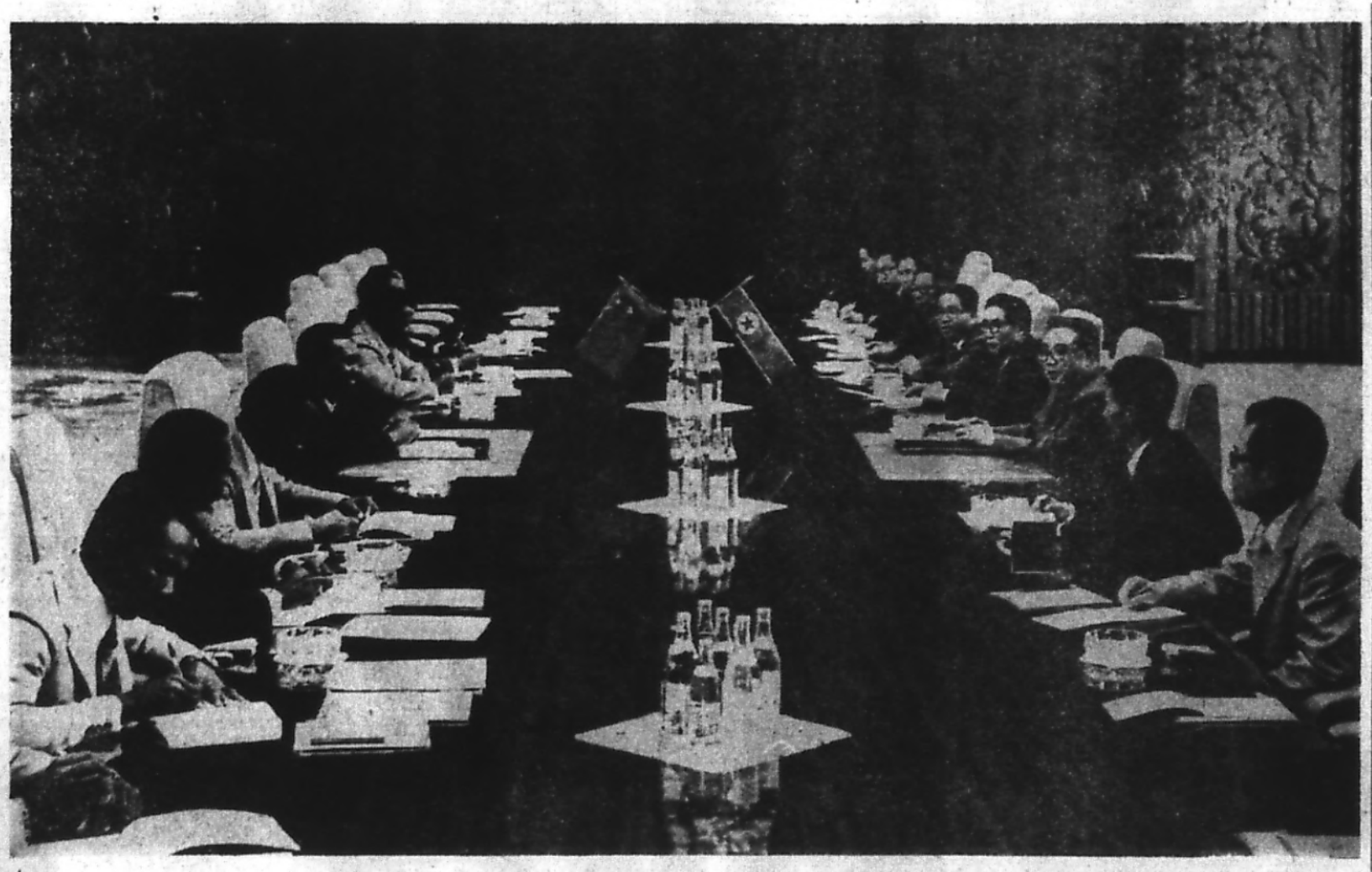


A talk held between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango

Your Excellency
NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI
Chairman of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister
Democratic Republic of Afghanistan

Kabul

I send Your Excellency warm congratulations on behalf of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Korean people and on my own on the proclamation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and your assumption of office as the Chairman of the Revolutionary Council and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

Believing that in future the friendly and cooperative relations between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will strengthen and develop in various fields, I sincerely wish Your Excellency great successes in the work for the building of an independent, prosperous new society.

KIM IL SUNG
President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, May 14, 1978

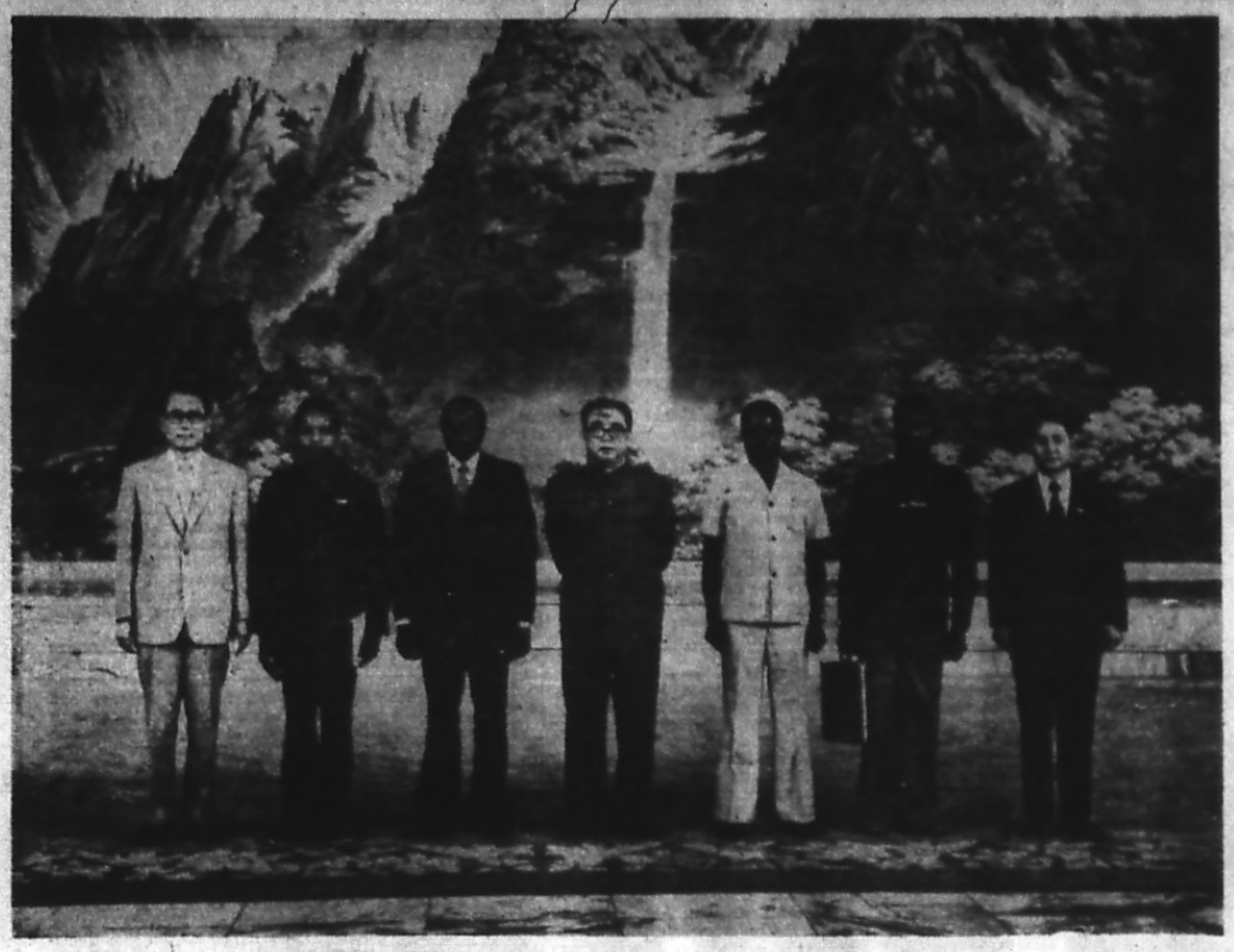
TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, sent a message of greetings to His Excellency **Yassir Arafat**, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Commander-in-Chief of the Palestinian Revolution Forces, on the occasion of the "week of support to the struggle of the Palestinian people."

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message of greetings from His Excellency Lieut. Col. **Ahmed Hussein Al Ghashmi**, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Yemen Arab Republic, on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message of greetings from His Excellency Col. **Moussa Traore**, Chairman of the Military Committee of National Liberation, Head of State and Prime Minister of the Government of Mali, on the occasion of the 46th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Army.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the DPRK, received a message from Comrade **Kadar Janos**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, Comrade **Losonczi Pal**, President of the Presidium of the Hungarian People's Republic, and Comrade **Lazar Gyorgy**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the HPR, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the First Secretary of the CC of the HSWP and the President of the Presidium of the HPR on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the liberation of Hungary, the national holiday of the Hungarian people.



The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung poses with the delegation of the Zimbabwe African National Union after receiving them

Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Foreign Guests

Delegation of ZANU

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on May 26 received the delegation of the Zimbabwe African National Union on a visit to our country.

Present on the occasion were head of the delegation Robert G. Mugabe, Co-Chairman of the Zimbabwean Patriotic Front and President of the Zimbabwe African National Union, and members of the delegation Meya Hurimbo, Chief Political Commissar of the Central Committee of the ZANU, and Agnew Kambeu.

Comrade Kim Yong Nam and personage concerned Li Hwa Son were on hand.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the guests in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

On the same day he gave a dinner for the delegation of the ZANU.

Ex-Prime Minister of Peru and His Family

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife on May 24 received Oscar Vargas Prieto, ex-Prime Minister of the Republic of Peru, and his family.

On hand were personages concerned Hyon Jun Guk and Han Ik Su.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The ex-Prime Minister of the Republic of Peru courteously presented a gift of best wishes to the great leader.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a photograph taken with them.

On the same day he arranged a luncheon for the Peruvian ex-Prime Minister and his family.

Military Delegation of CSR

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on May 25, received the military delegation of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

Present on the occasion were head of the delegation Comrade General Martin Dzur, Member of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and Minister of National Defence of the CSR; and Eugen Turzo, Member of the Central Committee of the CCP and Director of its State Administration Department; and Lieutenant General Antonin Brabec, Member of the Central Committee of the CCP and Director of the General Political Department of the Czechoslovak People's Army, and other members of the delegation.

Comrade O Jin U, Comrade So Chol, Lieutenant General of the Korean People's Army Pak Jung Guk, and Chon Dong Jun, military attache of the DPRK embassy in Prague, were on hand.

Also present were Martin Macuch, Czechoslovak ambassador to Korea, Juljus Cillik, military attache of the Czechoslovak embassy, and Major General Frantisek Suchanek, Czechoslovak member of the Neutral Nations' Supervisory Commission.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a talk with the guests in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

He posed for a photograph with them.

PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION OF PRC VISITS DPRK

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At the ceremony the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conferred the Order of National Flag First Class respectively upon Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife.

Orders and medals of the DPRK were awarded to the members of the PRC Party and State Delegation.

On the same day a ceremony for awarding an order of the PRC to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung took place at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall.

At the ceremony Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango conferred the "Grand Cross of the National Order of the Congolese Merit", the highest order of the PRC, each on the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife.

PRC orders were awarded to our cadres and personages concerned.

Appreciation of Artistic Presentation and Mass Gymnastic Display

The music and dance tale "Song of Paradise" was staged at the Mansudae Art Theatre on the evening of the 26th in welcome of the Party and State Delegation of the PRC.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and their company were invited to be entertained to the performance.

Our cadres, personages concerned and working people in the city saw the artistic presentation together with the guests.

The music and dance tale "Song of Paradise" won the great admiration of the guests and audience.

At the end of the performance, the august images of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango appeared on the backdrop and artistes clad in Korean and Congolese national costumes, dancing a dance symbolic of friendliness, loudly sang in chorus the "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and the Congolese song "President Joachim Yhomby-Opango."

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, in company with Comrade Pak Sung Chul, mounted the stage and presented the artistes with a basket of flowers in congratulation of their successful performance and had a group photograph taken with them.

On the 27th the delegation saw the mass gymnastic display "Song of Korea" performed by Pyongyang pupils and students at the Moranbong Stadium.

Invited to see the mass display were Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and their party.

Our cadres, personages concerned and working people in the city saw the mass display together with the guests.

On the background the respectful figures of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango were shown in place of honour, with letters being presented to illustrate the slogans "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" "Long live His Excellency President Joachim Yhomby-Opango!" "Warm welcome to His Excellency President Joachim Yhomby-Opango!" "Long live the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Congolese peoples!" and with a rainbow indicative of amity being formed and flags of the two countries being unfurled.

Then the mass gymnastic display "Song of Korea" began.

It was highly acclaimed by the guests and spectators.

Inspection

On the 26th the delegation visited Mangyongdae, the cradle of revolution.

The guests were accompanied by our cadres and personages concerned.

At the native house of Mangyongdae where the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was born and spent his childhood, the guests showed deep interest in the carefully-preserved historical mementoes, listening to the explanation of his glorious and brilliant revolutionary history.

They were photographed together in front of the native home.

Then the guests went to the Red-Flag Mangyongdae Revolutionary School.

On the 27th the delegation called at the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace and appreciated the ensemble by art circle members of the palace.

Mme. Marie Noel Yhomby-Opango, wife of the PRC President, accompanied by some members of the suite, visited the Pyongyang September 15 Week Nursery and the Pyongyang Embroidery Institute.

The guests were with Chairman Kim Song Ae of the Central Committee of the Korean Democratic Women's Union.

Mme. Marie Noel Yhomby-Opango and some members of the Party and State Delegation of the PRC had a get-together on the 27th with Chairman Kim Song Ae of the CC of the KDWU and our woman functionaries.

A meeting was held on the same day at the Pyongyang June 9 Ryongbuk Senior Middle School with the attendance of some members of the delegation to name it Korea-Congo Friendship School.

The meeting was addressed by Ryu Gum Son, Minister of Common Education, and member of the delegation Pascal Bima, Member of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party and Minister of Construction, Urbanism and Housing in Charge of Environment.

Visit to North Hwanghae Province

The PRC Party and State Delegation paid a visit to North Hwanghae Province on the 28th.

Our leading workers and personages concerned accompanied the guests.

At Sariwon, the seat of the province, the guests were cordially greeted by leading personnel of local Party and government bodies, administrative and economic organs and working people's organizations.

Tens of thousands of working people in Sariwon gave a red-carpet welcome to the goodwill mission.

A Sariwon mass rally took place at the square in the city in honour of the delegation. The square was crammed with tens of thousands of working people.

Invited to the meeting were Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife, members of the delegation and the suite.

Present at the meeting were Comrade Pak Sung Chul and his wife, Comrades Ho Dam and Chong Jun Gi, personages concerned, leading personnel of local Party and government bodies, administrative and economic organs and working people's organizations and Li In Gyu, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the PRC.

At the meeting Chairman Han Sang Gyu of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee spoke in welcome of the delegation.

After the speech, he presented Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango with a silk banner in the name of the mass rally.

The silk banner was emblazoned with the national flags of Korea and the Congo and the words "Long live the friendship and solidarity between the Korean and Congolese peoples!"

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango spoke next.

Referring to the great friendship that exists between our two peoples and two countries, he said:

Our combat is common and our friendship is a friendship formed in struggle, a friendship that has grown and developed on the same front of struggle, the anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist, anti-neo-colonialist struggle, the struggle against pillage of natural resources of our respective countries, the struggle for the building of our societies in independence and sovereignty, in equality and dignity.

Lauding the successes achieved by the Korean people in the revolution and construction, he noted:

In the Congo, we know the secrecy of your success and your victories. You have a great leader, our brother and friend, respected Comrade President Kim Il Sung who has armed his people with the great revolutionary idea of Juche and the spirit of Chollima.

We extend encouragement to the entire Korean people in their struggle for the reunification and complete independence of the country and for the victory of the great cause of socialism and communism in the world.

Touching upon the development of the Congolese revolution, he remarked:

The Congolese revolution has experienced all sorts of aggressions and menaces on the part of imperialism; economic blockade, repeated subversive actions, armed attacks, attempts of coup d'etat, etc.

But the Congolese revolution is the work of all the militant people, and this work has already reached a point of no-return on the road of socialism.

He further said:

I am happy to say that the Congolese people rejoice at the results attained in economic and cultural cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Congo which constantly makes new leap.

Our two peoples were victims of colonialist oppression and now they confront with a struggle against imperialism. So we have to strengthen our solidarity and our cooperation in various domains possible.

That day, the delegation inspected the Sariwon Textile Mill and the Rihyon Pumping Station in Pyongyang.

On the same day, the North Hwanghae Provincial Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee gave a banquet in honour of the delegation.

Han Sang Gyu, Chairman of the North Hwanghae Provincial People's Committee, spoke at the banquet.

The next speaker was Raymond Ngollo, Member of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party, Chief of General Staff of the National People's Army and First Vice-Minister of Defence.

The banquet proceeded in a warm atmosphere full of friendship.

Reception of Foreign Diplomatic Envoys

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the CWP, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the PRC, and his wife met and had a friendly talk on the evening of the 28th with diplomatic envoys of various countries and their wives here.

Agreements Signed

An agreement on economic, scientific-technological and cultural cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of the Congo was signed in Pyongyang on the 29th.

Present at the signing ceremony were the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife.

Attending the ceremony on our side were leading cadres, personages concerned and Li In Gyu, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the PRC, and on the other side were the members of the delegation.

The agreement was signed respectively by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango.

The same day witnessed the signing in Pyongyang of a trade agreement, an agreement on air service and an accord on economic and technical cooperation in agriculture between the DPRK Government and the PRC Government.

The agreements and accord were signed by Choe Jong Gun, authorized by the DPRK Government, and Theophile Obenga, authorized by the PRC Government.

Departure from Pyongyang

The Party and State Delegation of the PRC left Pyongyang on the 29th by special plane after successfully concluding its itinerary.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his wife went to the airport to give a hearty send-off to Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and his wife and the members of the delegation.

Thousands of well-wishers were out at the airport, carrying with them flags of Korea and the Congo, bunches of flowers and balloons.

A grand farewell ceremony took place for the delegation.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango exchanged farewells with our leading cadres and diplomatic envoys in our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango and embraced him.

Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango expressed thanks for the hospitality accorded to him by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung while in Korea and got into the plane, responding to the senders-off.

At 09:45 the special plane carrying the guests took off from the Pyongyang Airport.

A joint communique was made public in Pyongyang on May 29 between the DPRK and the PRC.

The joint communique pointed out: "Both sides noted with satisfaction that the visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the Party and State Delegation of the People's Republic of the Congo headed by Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango, Chairman of the Military Committee of the Congolese Workers' Party, President and Head of State and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of the Congo, was an important occasion in consolidating and developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the peoples of the two countries and greatly contributed to strengthening the unity of the Asian and African peoples".

The Party and State Delegation of the PRC headed by Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango Inspects the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace

Speech of Comrade Joachim Yhomby-Opango at Welcome Banquet

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For so much work, for so brilliant revolutionary intelligence, for so rare determination in struggle, for so great and imperishable achievements, you enjoy today, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the profound respect not only among the entire Korean people but also among all the revolutionaries of the world. And, be assured of the constancy of the friendship of the Congolese people which I reaffirm to you today, after Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi affirmed it personally here in Pyongyang five years ago.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,

Respected comrades and distinguished guests,

The revolutionary situation is excellent in our country, the People's Republic of the Congo. The reason of the excellence of this situation is exceptional and objective at once. The immense and cruel loss suffered by the Congolese revolution with the most cowardly and most ignoble assassination of Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi, rent, deeply rent, and confused the heart of each Congolese man and woman. The people felt, felt deep in their hearts, their loss of a friend, a father, a counsellor, a guide, a chief. But the immense pain, this indescribable shock was quickly transformed into an invincible revolutionary determination.

All the combatants of the Congolese revolution firmly resolved to immortalize Comrade Marien N'Gouabi, the founder of the Congolese Workers' Party, by their productive work in strictness and revolutionary discipline.

Hence, the Military Committee of the Party courageously undertook a thoroughgoing organizational work in the Party and state work, convened regular congresses of mass organizations and elaborated a biennial action programme giving priority to the rural development, to the augmentation of agricultural production.

The Military Committee of the Party organized the extraordinary revolutionary court to seize all the documents relative to the assassination of Comrade President Marien N'Gouabi; the debates at this court were conflicting, public, radiodiffused and televised. The Military Committee of the Party did not neglect in the least the political work of instilling into the working people an elevated revolutionary consciousness, giving full scope to their creative intelligence.

Our objectives are clear. We are struggling to create a solid and large material foundation for the Congolese revolution. We are struggling to consolidate the social and economic independence of our country. We are struggling against imperialism and neo-colonialism. We are struggling against all forms of exploitation of the Congolese people. This struggle directed by the Congolese Workers' Party, a Marxist-Leninist party, is a class struggle. We are convinced that the workers, peasants, women, youth, cadres, revolutionary intellectuals, combatants and cadres of our National People's Army—all these progressive and revolutionary forces of the Congo—will achieve greater and more brilliant victories. We are also convinced that the combatants of the Congolese proletarian revolution will build a new society in the heart of Africa, however great the cost may be. In this struggle requiring sacrifices the Congolese people should count on the experiences of the revolutionary people of other countries and on their militant assistance, who have already built a socialist society in their respective countries. This militant assistance can, of course, support the efforts of the Congolese people, but cannot replace the consciousness and labour of the people in creating their own future.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,

Respected comrades and distinguished guests,

You, of course, expect of me to tell you about the position of the Congolese Workers' Party and our government on the present situation in Africa, which I have already clarified in Havana, Conakry, Cotonou and Addis Ababa and in Peking two days ago.

It is not a repetition even if I refer to the same thing, because the essence of the problem remains unchanged. Accordingly, we always say the same words, the same phrases to state our position, which never change the essence of the problem.

The Charter of the Organization of African Unity poses as the historic objective of all its members the complete liberation of this continent from the yoke of imperialism and colonialism. This is why the Congo takes an active part in the questions relative to the complete decolonization of the African continent. We, accordingly, support the POLISARIO Front of West Sahara, the SWAPO of Namibia, the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe and the African National Congress of South Africa.

We support all the veritable national liberation movements waged everywhere on the African continent.

In the past we expressed such support to all the Portuguese colonies in Africa, notably to the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola. We support all the just causes in the world. In the Near East we support the Palestine Liberation Organization, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, which is fighting heroically against the arbitrariness of Zionism. Well, racism and Zionism constitute one and the same thing; both are condemnable as product of imperialism and colonialism.

The Organization of African Unity which embraced today 49 sovereign and independent African states constitutes so evidently a great political force on the international scene. But, how the Organization of African Unity will conduct its activities for the peoples of the African continent poses as an urgent question.

Neither vague pan-Africanism nor some other mystifying theories can help the Organization of African Unity engage itself more deeply in the liberation struggle of the African people. It must be noted that the Organization of African Unity is "manipulated" and divided by imperialism, by the old colonial powers which want to keep the African people in permanent slavery or in purely nominal independence.

We support the unity of the African people, but we consider it must be a militant unity. For this, a unity based on a militant idea is necessary. We confidently say that only scientific socialism can be our militant idea. Firstly because socialism can eliminate for good all the exploitation of man by man, exploitation to which all the African people had been subjected for centuries, secondly because socialism enables the African people rapidly to end the centuries-old social and economic backwardness, and lastly because socialism which imperialism always presents to the African people as danger of dangers brings to the Africans the freedom in creative labour, happiness in social justice and peace in equal cooperation with all the peoples of the world.

We say that socialism will be applied and will triumph in Africa for the happiness of its people.

To work for this is to work for progress.

Most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,

I am convinced that our talks will give a new impulsion to Korean-Congolese amity, solidarity and cooperation and they will make a substantial contribution to strengthening the unity of all anti-imperialist forces and consolidating peace in the world.

Expressing once again my sincere thanks to you for your fraternal and militant welcome which you were so good as to reserve for the delegation accompanying me, my wife and me, I invite you to join me in a toast:

to the prosperity of the great Korean people,

to the victory of the just cause of the militant Korean people,

to Korean-Congolese friendship and cooperation,

to the good health and long life of most respected Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people, and Madame Kim Il Sung,

to the health of the leading comrades of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean government,

to the health of the heads of diplomatic missions present here, and of their charming wives,

to the health of the distinguised guests and all comrades and friends.

Thank you.

JOINT STATEMENT

On Deepening Friendship and Solidarity and Developing Fraternal Cooperation Between the WPK and the RCP and between the DPRK and the RSR

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Romanian Communist Party, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic,

—Greatly satisfied with the continued excellent development of the traditional friendship, militant solidarity and fraternal cooperation between the two Parties, two countries and two peoples in various fields on the basis of the spirit of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic,

—Determined to further deepen and develop the friendly and cooperative relations between the two Parties and the two countries in the interests of the two peoples and the cause of peace, socialism and communism,

—Expressing the readiness to develop friendly and cooperative relations between socialist countries, non-aligned countries and developing countries and to develop the relations of friendship with countries with differing social systems on the principles of respect for national independence and independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference in other's internal affairs, equality, mutual benefit and peaceful co-existence,

—Hardening the determination to oppose imperialism, old and new colonialism and dominationism, all manner of aggression and interference and the exploitation and oppression of the peoples of other countries and to make positive efforts for ensuring peace and security in the world, realizing disarmament and establishing a new international economic and political order,

—Stressing the need to observe the objectives and principles of the UN Charter and to respect the right of each people to freely choose the road of their country's development and their right to participate in the discussion and solution of international problems on an equal footing,

—Agreed to adopt the following joint statement after the Party and State Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Party and State Delegation of the Romanian Socialist Republic led by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, held talks in Pyongyang between May 20 and 23, 1978:

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Both sides expressed great satisfaction with the constant strengthening and development of the excellent relations of friendship, revolutionary solidarity and cooperation between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Romanian Communist Party and between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic.

Both sides stressed with great satisfaction that the meeting and talks between Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, and understanding and agreements reached on this occasion on expanding and developing bilateral relations in all fields and promoting cooperation between the two Parties and two states in the international arena are of particular importance.

Both sides expressed the determination to further expand and develop these excellent relations between the Parties, governments and peoples of the two countries on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the principles of independence, national independence and complete equality.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Romanian Communist Party will normalize the mutual visits of Party workers delegations for developing bilateral relations, exchanging the experiences of the two countries in the building of socialism and exchanging views on international problems of common concern.

Both sides promote contacts between trade union, youth and women's organizations and other organizations of the two countries so that they may exchange successes and experiences gained in their respective fields.

Both sides will energetically strive to expand and develop contacts and cooperation between the governments, national assemblies and other state organs of the two countries.

Noting that economic, scientific and technological cooperation between the two countries is being deepened and developed, the Party and state delegations of the two countries stressed there are ample possibilities to implement the agreements, contracts and accords concluded between the two countries, to develop cooperation in various economic domains and expand commercial exchange.

To this end, both sides agreed to further strengthen the activities of the inter-governmental economic and scientific-technological consultative committee and their trade and economic organs of the two countries.

Along with this, both sides stressed the need to search the possibilities of further expanding commercial exchange and strengthening cooperation between the specialised organs in the markets of the third countries and to develop exchange and cooperation in the latest achievements of modern science and technology.

The Party and state delegations of the two countries agreed on furthering exchange in the fields of education, culture, public health, the press, information, tourism and sports.

They stressed with particular satisfaction that the tremendous successes of the Korean and Romanian peoples in the socialist revolution and construction and in the socio-economic development are conducive to the increase of the socialist forces of the world.

The Korean side highly appraised the signal successes the Romanian people have made in all fields of socialist construction, such as diversified development of economy, science and culture, improvement of economic organization and management and constant betterment of the material and spiritual lives of the Romanian working people, under the correct guidance of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, a prominent activist in the international political life and the communist and working-class movements and the outstanding leader of the Romanian people.

The Korean side warmly hailed these successes of the Romanian people and wished them new great success in the endeavours to implement the decisions of the 11th Congress of the Romanian Communist Party and the programme of building a multilaterally developed socialist society and advancing Romania toward communism.

The Korean side congratulated the Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian Socialist Republic on the steady rise of their prestige in the international arena and expressed support and solidarity for the external activities of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian Communist Party and the Romanian Socialist Republic, for the victory of the common cause of peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

The Romanian side highly appraised the great successes the Korean people have made in converting their country into a prospering socialist country with a modern industry and developed agriculture by implementing the revolutionary line of independence, self-support and self-defence under the wise guidance of Comrade Kim Il Sung, a prominent activist in the political life of the present time and the communist and working-class movements and the great leader of the Korean people.

The Romanian side most warmly hailed the successes of the Korean people and wished them new great success in their future strivings to carry out the historic tasks of fulfilling the Second Seven-Year Plan ahead of schedule, achieving the complete victory of socialism and building communism.

The Party and State Delegation of the Romanian Socialist Republic expressed once again the full support and solidarity of the Communist Party, government and people of Romania for the just struggle of the Korean people to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country on the basis of the three principles and five-point policy of national reunification put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung and resolutely opposed any manoeuvre of the imperialists and the south Korean authorities to divide Korea into "two Koreas" for ever and strongly demanded the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops and mass destruction weapons including nuclear weapons from south Korea and the replacement of the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

Along with this, it manifested full support to and solidarity with the south Korean people in their patriotic struggle for the right to existence, the democratization of society and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

The Party and State Delegation of the Romanian Socialist Republic expressed once again the firm determination of the Romanian Party and government to continue with activities in the UN and other international organs and international conferences for realizing the fair and reasonable proposals of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

2

The Party and state delegations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Romanian Socialist Republic noted with satisfaction that the appraisal of the international developments given in the joint document that was issued from the talks between Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu in May 1975 was correct.

Both sides stressed that the present era is an era when the socialist forces are growing in strength and the people advancing along the road of independence, the road of revolutionary change and it is characterized by the further intensified struggle against imperialism, old and new colonialism, dominationism and the interference of outside forces and for defending the right of the people to shape their destiny by themselves and achieving national independence.

However, the process of the revolutionary change in the world is by no means smooth.

The imperialists, colonialists and dominationists are engrossed in the manoeuvres to divide the world for establishing their power and supremacy and are intensifying the attempts to subjugate the independent peoples.

This makes it imperative for all the revolutionary forces, anti-imperialist forces and democratic forces the world over to heighten vigilance and strengthen militancy and solidarity.

The Party and state delegations of the two countries reaffirmed the determination to cement the friendship and cooperation with all the socialist countries.

Both sides stressed that it is important for the socialist countries to develop fraternal friendship and manysided cooperation on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and international solidarity and the principles of national independence and sovereignty, complete equality and mutual respect, non-interference in other's internal affairs and comradely cooperation.

Both sides manifested the firm determination to cement solidarity and cooperation with the peoples of the non-aligned countries and developing countries in the struggle for destroying the inequal international relations and the old economic order established by the imperialists and bringing about a new fair international economic order in the international arena.

Both sides expressed their readiness to develop friendship and cooperation with all countries which want to have friendly relations on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

Expressing apprehensions over the intensification of the arms race on a large scale, the Party and state delegations of the two countries demanded an end to the arms race, general disarmament, total ban and destruction of nuclear weapons, disbandment of military blocs and withdrawal of the foreign military bases and foreign troops in the territories of other countries for peace and security.

Both sides stressed that it is necessary for the socialist countries, the non-aligned countries, the developing countries and all the peaceloving countries to strengthen their activities so as to contribute to adopting at the UN special session on disarmament an action program which will lay down the principle and orientation for the start of the practical process for the termination of the arms race, disarmament and the total destruction of nuclear weapons in particular.

Both sides pointed to the need to redouble the efforts for taking a concrete and effective measure for the purpose of realising security and developing cooperation in Europe and considered that this should contribute to strengthening peace and security in all parts of the world.

Both sides considered that for a just and fair peace in the Middle East Israel should withdraw without delay from all the Arab territories it occupied during the 1967 war and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including the founding of an independent state be guaranteed and the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nations in this region be ensured.

Both sides demanded the establishment of a new international economic order whereby the sovereign right of all peoples to use their natural resources will be respected, the modern scientific and technological successes be introduced without a hitch and the rapid advance of the underdeveloped countries be guaranteed.

Both sides expressed firm solidarity with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples in their struggle against imperialist aggression and interference, all manner of domination and inequality and for the independent political and economic development of the countries.

Both sides demanded an immediate end to the racial discrimination policy and apartheid of the white minority racist regimes in southern Africa, strongly denounced the aggressive acts of the racist clique against neighbouring countries and expressed resolute support to the struggle of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa for national and social liberation.

Both sides expressed full support and firm solidarity with all the peoples in their struggle against imperialism, old and new colonialism and dominationism, the use of force in the relations between countries and for social progress, national independence, sovereignty and democratization of the international relations.

3

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Romanian Communist Party noted with satisfaction that more and more Communist and Workers' Parties in all continents are successfully organizing and leading the struggle of the working class and the masses of the people to carry out social and economic reforms in their countries and achieve independence, sovereignty and socialism independently.

Both sides considered that it is a guarantee for the victory in the revolution and construction for the Communist and Workers' Parties to work out lines and policies, strategy and tactics of the revolution independently to suit the specific conditions of their countries and carry them through in reliance upon the creative energies of their peoples.

Both sides manifested the conviction that it is an important condition for cementing international solidarity and further strengthening and developing the international communist and working-class movements that the Communist and Workers' Parties maintain the independent stand in the revolution and construction of their countries and thoroughly respect the independence of other Communist and Workers' Parties.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Romanian Communist Party reaffirmed the determination to wage a resolute struggle in the future, too, for the unity of all the Communist and Workers' Parties and the strengthening and development of the international communist and working-class movements on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, international solidarity, independence, equality and non-interference in other's internal affairs.

The two Parties expressed their determination to develop the relations of friendship and cooperation with the Socialist Parties, Social Democratic Parties and progressive and democratic political forces in the struggle for peace, security, democracy and for understanding and cooperation among the peoples.

The two Parties reaffirmed the determination to strengthen and develop cooperation and solidarity with all the revolutionary forces, anti-imperialist forces, progressive forces, national-liberation movement in the struggle for freedom, national independence, peace, democracy and socialism.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the results of the official goodwill visit of the Party and State Delegation of Romania led by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and manifested the belief that the meeting and talks between Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, and all the problems upon which a complete identity of views was reached on this occasion, were another event of weighty significance in steadily consolidating and developing friendship, fraternal cooperation and revolutionary unity between the Parties, governments and peoples of the two countries and greatly contribute to strengthening the unity of the socialist countries, the international communist and working-class movements.

Pyongyang, May 23, 1978

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In Japan

"Study of Kimilsungism" No. 5 Published

The "Liaison Council of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea" of Japanese youth recently issued its official journal "Study of Kimilsungism" No. 5 on the occasion of the 66th birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, according to a press report.

A picture which shows the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung giving on-the-spot guidance at a factory is printed in place of honour in the journal.

The journal contains the full texts of the immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung "Let Us Further Promote the Building of Socialism by Vigorously Carrying Out the Three Revolutions" and "Let Us Further Strengthen the People's Government".

It specially edits the materials on the inaugural congress of the International Institute of the Juche Idea held in Tokyo, Japan, in April this year.

Under the title of "On the Occasion of the Formation of the 'Society for Independence'," it carries a letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung from the attendants of the meeting for the formation of the "Society for Independence" held in Japan on April 15, 1978. Also contained in it are the report made and rules adopted at the meeting.

The report said that on the occasion of the 66th birthday of the great leader the "Society for Independence" was formed as a precious gift to him. It declared that the "Society for Independence" came into being as a joint body involving 10 organizations including the "Liaison Council of Societies for the Study of the Juche Idea" of Japanese youth in keeping with the developing realities in which the activities for the study of the Juche Idea are popularized. It made clear the principle of activity and tasks of the said society.

The journal carries the discourse "Philosophical Principle of the Juche Idea", and four treatises written by Japanese personages and edits materials concerning meetings for the study of the Juche Idea held briskly in various countries in recent years and pictures on the inaugural congress of the International Institute of the Juche Idea held in Tokyo.

EDITORIAL

A New Chapter in the Annals of Friendship and Cooperation between Korea and Romania

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Romanian Socialist Republic, paid an official goodwill visit to our country from May 20 to 23, 1978, at the invitation of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Our people accorded fervent welcome and cordial hospitality to the friendship envoys of the brotherly Romanian people.

The recent visit of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu to our country was successful, bearing a splendid fruit.

During the visit official talks were held between the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu. At the talks which proceeded in a comradely, sincere and friendly atmosphere, a wide range of views were exchanged on the problems of further expanding and strengthening the relations of friendship and cooperation and militant solidarity between the Parties, governments and peoples of the two countries, Korea and Romania, and on international problems of mutual concern, and a complete consensus of opinions was reached on all questions discussed.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and respected Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu affixed signatures to a joint statement on deepening friendship and solidarity and developing fraternal cooperation between the WPK and the RCP and between the DPRK and the RSR.

The publication of the joint statement is a convincing demonstration of the correctness of the independent policy pursued by our two Parties and two countries and of the indestructible vitality of their friendship and solidarity based on independence.

As a reflection of the trend of development in our epoch, an era of independence, this document not only conforms with the fundamental interests of the peoples of the two countries but also corresponds with the aspiration and desire of the world's people fighting for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism.

Our people rest content with the fine fruit borne of the recent visit to our country by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu and warmly support and welcome the results of this visit.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stated:

"The current visit of Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu to our country amid the warm welcome of our people is a vivid illustration showing the solidity of the friendship and solidarity between our two Parties, two countries and two peoples on a high stage of development and demonstrating the invincible vitality of the class solidarity between the peoples of socialist countries."

The friendly relations between the Korean and Romanian peoples have a long tradition. The peoples of our two countries have long since been bound together by the ties of profound amity on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and have always supported and cooperated closely with each other in the common struggle against imperialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism.

The significant meetings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and respected Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu in Pyongyang and Bucharest were historic events which brought about an all-round efflorescence and development in the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between the two Parties, two countries and two peoples.

The treaty of friendship and cooperation concluded between Korea and Romania in 1975 serves as a concentrated reflex of the good relations between the two Parties and two countries which closely cooperate with each other on the principle of independence.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu met again this time and adopted an excellent document. This marked another important occasion in consolidating and developing the fraternal friendship and cooperation and revolutionary solidarity between the two Parties, two countries and two peoples.

As was more clearly shown through the recent visit, it is due, above all, to our two Parties' adherence to the principle of maintaining independence and respecting each other that the relations between the two countries, Korea and Romania, are developing very favourably.

By sticking to independence, our two Parties and two countries are registering great successes in the revolution and construction.

Under the correct leadership of the Romanian Communist Party headed by Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, their outstanding leader, the Romanian people are making a giant stride in their endeavours to build a multilaterally developed socialist society. The international prestige of the Romanian Socialist Republic is daily rising.

Our people sincerely rejoice, as over their own, over all the successes of the brotherly Romanian people in socialist construction and wish them still greater victory and success in their future struggle for progress and prosperity.

Comrade Nicolae Ceausescu, availing himself of opportunities, highly evaluated the great successes made by the Korean people who have turned their country into a prospering socialist country with modernized industry and advanced agriculture by carrying through the revolutionary line of independence, self-support and self-defence under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. And, extending full support and solidarity to the cause of the Korean people for national reunification, he decidedly rejected the "two Koreas" plot of the splittists within and without, called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea and evinced his resolution to conduct a continuous activity in the international arena to realize our reasonable proposals for the country's reunification.

This is a great encouragement to our people who are struggling for the achievement of the complete victory of socialism and for the acceleration of the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

In the joint statement a correct assessment is given as to the international situation and major international issues.

At present, a struggle is going on in the world arena between the revolutionary forces advancing along the road of independence, sovereignty and socialism and the imperialist reactionary forces trying to block the former.

The prevailing situation makes it incumbent upon the peoples of socialist countries, non-aligned nations and all peoples advocating independence to intensify the joint struggle against the forces of imperialism, colonialism and dominationism and thoroughly frustrate their manoeuvres of split, disintegration and scramble.

Holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialism and independence, the Korean people will fight unremittingly to achieve the final victory of the cause of liberation of mankind, in unity with the peoples of the socialist countries and all the progressive people of the world including the peoples of the countries of the new-emerging forces, and make every possible effort for the everlasting friendship and solidarity with the fraternal Romanian people.

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